Del Mar

Race 8 — 11/08/2026

Class: Betty Grable Stakes

Distance: 7f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $100,000

Starters: 9

THE BETTY GRABLE. Purse $100,000 FOR GOLDEN STATE ELIGIBLE CALIFORNIA BRED OR CALIFORNIA SIRED FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of $100 each to accompany the nomination, Closed Thursday October 29, 2026 with 12 or by supplementary nomination of $1,000 for Golden State eligible horses by the closing time of entries. (Non-Golden State eligible horses, $25,000 to supplement; closed with 1 (Big Hug), which will make that horse eligible to all future Golden State Series Stakes.) $1,500 additional to start, with $100,000 Guaranteed, of which $57,000 to first, $19,000 to second, $12,000 to third, $6,000 to fourth, $4,000 to fifth, and $2,000 to sixth. Three-year-olds: 122 lbs. Older: 124 lbs. Non-winners of a sweepstakes allowed 2 lbs.; non-winners of two races other than maiden, claiming, or starter allowed 4 lbs. Graded Stakes winners to carry an additional 2 lbs.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Del Mar R8
Sunday, November 8, 2026 | 7 Furlongs Dirt | Fillies & Mares 3YO & Up | Betty Grable Stakes

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Christel Clean (Post 2) — Led throughout in her 9/3 dirt-mile win at Del Mar and dueled on the lead on 8/6. **Issa Court** (Post 8) — Showed speed two to three wide and led into the stretch in this race last year before yielding late. **She's No Quant** (Post 7) — Keen and forwardly placed in her two graded-stakes routes.

Stalkers / Pressers

Grand Slam Smile (Post 1) — Sat 2nd early and bid three to four wide to win this race last year; won her last start from a stalking spot. **Clubhouse Cutie** (Post 4) — Stalked and bid on the rail to win on 10/9. **Lino's Angel** (Post 3) and **Lady Mendelssohn** (Post 9) — Stalk and press.

Closers

Big Hug (Post 6) — Sits off the pace and goes by late; drew off by 10 lengths at Century Downs on 10/10. **Fibonaccis Ride** (Post 5) — Rallies from well back, as she did to win the Solana Beach on turf on 8/15.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 4/5 half-mile. Christel Clean, Issa Court and She's No Quant should be prominent early, with Grand Slam Smile right behind them. Fair fractions should give stalkers and closers a chance late.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Grand Slam Smile	1-1	17%	50.0%	-33.0%
2	Christel Clean	5-1	15%	16.7%	-1.7%
3	Lino's Angel	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
4	Clubhouse Cutie	8-1	12%	11.1%	**+0.9%**
5	Fibonaccis Ride	15-1	8%	6.3%	**+1.7%**
6	Big Hug	8-1	21%	11.1%	**+9.9%**
7	She's No Quant	6-1	16%	14.3%	**+1.7%**
8	Issa Court	12-1	7%	7.7%	-0.7%
9	Lady Mendelssohn	15-1	3%	6.3%	-3.3%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
	TOTAL		**100%**	**126.7%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 126.7% in this nine-horse field). The original table used rescaled figures. At raw odds **Big Hug +9.9%** is the standout overlay; She's No Quant +1.7%, Fibonaccis Ride +1.7% and Clubhouse Cutie +0.9% are slight overlays. Favorite **Grand Slam Smile** –**33.0%**.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Big Hug (Post 6) — Model Win %: 21%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. A six-year-old mare who is 20-for-37 lifetime and 3-for-5 in 2026, almost all of it in Alberta stakes at Century Mile and Century Downs. Won the Founders Distaff Handicap at 1 1/8 miles at Century Downs on 10/10 by 10 lengths (settled, bid, drew off), her second straight year winning that race. Earlier in 2026: won at 1 1/16 miles on 9/12 and at 1 1/8 miles on 7/13, 3rd on 8/22, and 2nd at 7 furlongs on a sloppy track on 6/20. 4-for-7 with three 2nds at 7 furlongs. Supplemented to this race for $25,000. First start back with Val Brinkerhoff after Rick Hedge; she last ran in California in spring 2025 for Brinkerhoff (3rd in the Grade 3 Wilshire on turf). Brinkerhoff 13% in sprints; jockey Pereira. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +9.9%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; strong recent form; proven at 7 furlongs.

Concerns: First start at Del Mar; tougher competition than she has been facing; deep closer who needs the pace to hold up.

Trip Projection: Settles off the pace and rallies three wide in the stretch.

She's No Quant (Post 7) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old filly, 3-for-7 with a 2nd and two 3rds. Won a maiden special weight (5/22) and an allowance (6/12) on turf at Santa Anita, then won the Fleet Treat Stakes at 7 furlongs on dirt at Del Mar on 7/24 by a length (bumped at the start, tight early). 2nd in the Grade 3 Torrey Pines at a mile on 8/30 and 5th in the Grade 2 Zenyatta on 9/27. 1-for-1 at 7 furlongs and 1-for-3 on dirt. Drops out of graded stakes and returns after six weeks. Trainer Freeman 25% in sprints and 19% off 31–60 day breaks; jockey Berrios. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +1.7%.

Strengths: Won at this distance over this track; has faced better in graded stakes.

Concerns: Well beaten in the Zenyatta last out.

Trip Projection: Forwardly placed outside the speed; bids turning for home.

Grand Slam Smile (Post 1) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: Five-year-old mare, 13-for-24 lifetime and 4-for-8 in 2026. Won this race last year by 1 3/4 lengths over Issa Court (bid three to four wide). Won the California Distaff Handicap on turf at Santa Anita on 10/11 by a neck. Her other 2026 wins came in turf stakes (1/17, 3/21, 5/23); 3rd in the Grade 3 Royal





Heroine and Grade 2 Buena Vista. Only dirt start of 2026 was 5th in the Grade 2 Great Lady M at 6 1/2 furlongs at Los Alamitos on 7/4; 4th as the 3-5 favorite in the Solana Beach on 8/15. 5-for-10 on dirt lifetime. Trainer McCarthy 30% in stakes; jockey Hernandez. As the 1-1 morning-line favorite (50.0% implied), –33.0%—the biggest underlay in the race.

Strengths: Defending winner; class of the field; ELITE early speed.

Concerns: Massively overbet; 0-for-1 on dirt in 2026.

Trip Projection: Stalks the leaders from the rail and bids in the stretch.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Christel Clean (Post 2) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: Four-year-old filly, 3-for-11 with four 2nds. Led throughout to win a $20,000 optional claimer/allowance at a mile on dirt at Del Mar on 9/3 by 7 1/2 lengths; 2nd by 3 3/4 lengths at the same level and distance on 8/6 after dueling. 6th in the California Distaff on turf on 10/11, her first stakes start. 3-for-6 on dirt; 3-for-5 at Del Mar. Trainer Sadler 22% in sprints; jockey Rosario. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –1.7%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; strong on dirt and at Del Mar.

Concerns: 0-for-1 in stakes; faded in her only stakes try.

Trip Projection: Goes for the lead from post 2.

Clubhouse Cutie (Post 4) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: Four-year-old filly, 4-for-14. Won a $50,000 optional claimer on dirt at Santa Anita at 6 1/2 furlongs on 10/9 by a nose in a seven-horse field. Also won at a mile on dirt on 6/13 (led throughout in a four-horse field). 4th at 6 furlongs on dirt at Del Mar on 9/4; 7th in the Solana Beach on turf on 8/15, her only stakes start. Trainer Kruljac 14% in sprints and 18% on dirt; jockey Baze. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +0.9%.

Strengths: Sharp last out on dirt; STRONG early and late.

Concerns: Class rise into stakes company.

Trip Projection: Stalks inside and needs room along the rail.

Issa Court (Post 8) — Model Win %: 7%

PTW Profile: Eight-year-old mare, 6-for-30. 2nd in this race last year, beaten 1 3/4 lengths by Grand Slam Smile. 2nd by a half length in a $25,000 claimer on turf at Santa Anita on 10/23 after six months away. 2nd and 5th in two allowance tries early in 2026. Trainer Hess 18% in sprints; jockey Ayuso. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), –0.7%.

Strengths: Speed; ran well in this race last year.

Concerns: Comes out of a claiming race; age.

Trip Projection: Shows speed from post 8 and tires late.





Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Fibonaccis Ride (Post 5, 8%): 4-for-15. Her last nine starts were on turf: won the Solana Beach at a mile on 8/15 (inside, rallied between, drove clear; Grand Slam Smile 4th), 7th in the Grade 2 John C. Mabee on 9/7 and 3rd by a half length in an allowance on 10/4. 1-for-6 on dirt; last dirt start was 13th on 2/1. Trainer Garcia 11% in sprints and 12% turf-to-dirt. +1.7%.

Lady Mendelssohn (Post 9, 3%): 2-for-12; 0-for-4 in 2026. 2nd by a half length at 6 1/2 furlongs on dirt at Del Mar on 9/7 after a duel; 3rd by 2 lengths at 6 furlongs at Santa Anita on 10/18 (vied between, flattened). 10th on turf on 2/27. Last win was 8/21/25. Trainer Gaines. –3.3%.

Lino's Angel (Post 3, 1%): Three-year-old filly, 2-for-19. 5th in the California Distaff on 10/11 and 6th, beaten 4 lengths, in a $50,000 optional claimer on turf on 10/30. 3rd on dirt at a mile at Del Mar on 8/6 (behind Christel Clean) and 5th in the Fleet Treat (won by She's No Quant). Trainer Alvarez 6% in stakes. –2.2%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Big Hug	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains speed
Christel Clean	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — solid finish
She's No Quant	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — versatile
Grand Slam Smile	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — early emphasis
Clubhouse Cutie	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — presser
Issa Court	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — pace setter
Fibonaccis Ride	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Lady Mendelssohn	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — fade pattern
Lino's Angel	UNRATED	UNRATED	Not rated by the model

Critical MPH Insight

Big Hug is the only horse with an ELITE sustained speed rating. **Christel Clean** and **Grand Slam Smile** have ELITE early speed but are STRONG late. **She's No Quant** is STRONG at both ends.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Big Hug — Three wins from five starts in 2026, the last by 10 lengths; 4-for-7 at 7 furlongs.





She's No Quant — Back to 7 furlongs, where she won the Fleet Treat over this track, after two graded-stakes routes.

Clubhouse Cutie — Won her last start on dirt.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Grand Slam Smile — Has done most of her 2026 winning on turf; 5th in her only dirt start this year.

Fibonaccis Ride — Switches back to dirt after nine straight turf starts.

Lady Mendelssohn — Winless in 2026.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: BIG HUG — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 21% win probability, the highest in the field, at 8-1 (11.1% implied): +9.9%. ELITE sustained speed and in top form for her new trainer. Fair price is about 15-4.

Value Assessment: **STRONG OVERLAY** (+9.9%).

VALUE PLAY: SHE'S NO QUANT — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 11-2 or better

Model projects 16% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +1.7%. Won the Fleet Treat at this distance over this track and drops out of graded stakes. Fair price is about 5-1.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT OVERLAY** (+1.7%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: None — No longshot shows enough of an edge.

Multi-Race Sequences: Pick 3 / Pick 4 / Pick 5 / Pick 6 — Top 3

A: Big Hug — 21%
B: Grand Slam Smile — 17%
C: She's No Quant — 16%

Combined Projected Probability: 54%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

Big Hug is the model's top horse and the clear overlay at 8-1. Favorite **Grand Slam Smile** (1-1, –33.0%) is the class of the field and the defending winner, but she is badly overbet.

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